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1. An agreement between **USIA headquarters** and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria, represented by Jegerer, (fnu) an engineer, was read by Dr. Herbert Steiner at a Central Committee meeting in early May 1950.* The agreement, dated 18 April 1950, is as follows:
 - a. The Communist Party of Austria pledges itself to conduct through its agents theoretical and political training for factory police in various plants.
 - b. **USIA headquarters will make the necessary arrangements,** providing rooms in the enterprise concerned and will defray all expenses involved.
 - c. The Communist Party of Austria will see that any anti-Soviet activity in **USIA** enterprises is stopped.
 - d. **USIA headquarters will advise its various enter-**prises to have Communists appointed wherever possible as plant personnel advisors.
 - e. The Communist Party of Austria is pledged not to requisition for any other purpose factory police groups in charge of the security of the enterprise concerned, and to inform both the director of the respective enterprise and **USIA headquarters of all poli-**tical measures taken.

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- f. USIA headquarters and the Communist Party of Austria are agreed that the factory police will maintain order and further the security of the plant operations. Only on the plant director's consent may factory police groups be requisitioned for party action. They are not to wear uniforms in such instances.
2. According to this agreement, a liaison man with all USIA enterprises in which factory police groups are active will be appointed by each Bezirksleitung and, where necessary, by sections of the Communist Party of Austria within the Soviet Zone of Austria. His function is to transmit political decisions of the Party to the leader of the factory police and, if necessary, to request the commitment of a factory police group in civilian clothes. At the instigation of Friedl Fuernberg, labor union secretary of the Communist Party of Austria, it was resolved that the liaison man be that functionary/the **factory** management who commands the factory police. Only in this way, it was argued, was it possible to establish a uniform contact between the factory police and the Party.
3. Factory police will serve as instructors of the party police and vice versa. Fuernberg stressed the importance of the missions for which the party police and the factory police are responsible in the forthcoming struggles of the Party and advocated that, although not all Soviet enterprises adopt the common objective, attempts be made to launch all substantial campaigns against the Association of Independents (VdU) and the Young Front from enterprises in which factory police are active. The close coordination planned between the factory police and the party police must be suspended for a time because, as Dr. Steiner remarked, the Soviet offices wish to await results of the preceding measures.

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Comment. Herbert Steiner is federal secretary of the Free Austrian Youth in Vienna. As head of the Austrian delegation he participated in the Budapest World Youth Congress (1949). Engineer Gustav Wegerer is the chief of the entire factory police in Austria. Information on him was previously reported.

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